

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action dated June 2, 2004 indicates that Claims 2-7, 9-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-25 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, for which indication the Applicants express their appreciation.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of previous Claim 2, now cancelled. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, instead of Claim 2, now cancelled. Claim 8 has been rendered as an independent claim incorporating all the limitations of Claim 1. The amended claims now conform to the condition indicated in the Office Action as rendering them in form for allowance.

As a result of the above amendments, it is considered that the claims, as amended, find support in the application specification as filed, and that the combination of elements recited in the pending claims, as amended, distinguish over the references of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested and an indication of allowable subject matter is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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